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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the week 14 to 20 February 1952.

Pol Dasht

1. Traffic has increased in the Pol Dasht area over the previous week, but the items transported were similar, mostly building materials. No change was noted in the kinds of building materials.
2. Following is a list of items transported in the Pol Dasht area and a tabulation of cars and night trains:
  - a. Timber, poles, and lumber: 79 cars westbound; 76 cars eastbound  
 Coal: 35 cars westbound; 35 cars eastbound  
 Trucks: 8 cars westbound; 0 cars eastbound  
 Sand and plaster: 4 cars westbound; 7 cars eastbound  
 Boxes: 5 cars westbound; 7 cars eastbound  
  
 Tank cars: 63 cars westbound; 80 cars eastbound  
 (This shows a decrease of 66 tank cars from the previous week.)  
  
 Night trains: 7 trains westbound; 18 trains eastbound  
 (An increase of 5 night trains over the previous week)
  - b. Total loaded cars:
 

Previous week:	491 cars westbound; 255 cars eastbound
This week:	558 cars westbound; 504 cars eastbound
Daily Average:	108 cars previous week
	151 cars this week

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Tank cars: 77 cars previous week  
143 cars this week

Night trains: 20 cars previous week  
25 cars this week<sup>1</sup>

3. On 13 February eight guns were transported from Nakhichevan to Yerevan.

4.. Similar loads are transported to the east and to the west. For example, on 14 February, 3 cars of timber and 5 cars of poles were transported from Nakhichevan to Yerevan, and on the same day 8 cars of poles and 22 cars of timber moved from Yerevan to Nakhichevan. On 17 February, 24 cars of coal moved to the west and 6 cars of coal to the east.

#### Dzhulfa

5. No significant change was noted in the rail traffic, except that the number of loaded cars decreased from the previous week and the number of night trains increased. Trucks and coal have been the chief items transported in this area. For the most part the loads have been transported from east to west, i.e., from Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan.

6. Following is a list of items transported in the Dzhulfa area and a tabulation of cars and night trains:

a. Timber, poles, and lumber:	19 cars westbound; 4 cars eastbound
Coal:	8 cars west; 13 cars east
Trucks:	60 cars west; 37 cars east
Jeeps:	2 cars west; 4 cars east
Boxes and barrels:	2 cars west; 1 car east

Tank cars: 48 cars west; 43 cars east  
(65 tank cars were empty, 5 carried bitumen, 1 gasoline.)

Night Trains: 11 trains west; 18 trains east  
(An increase of 6 night trains over previous week)

b. Total loaded cars:

Previous week:	328 cars west; 374 cars east
This week:	266 cars west; 197 cars east

Daily average:	100 cars previous week
	66 cars this week

Tank cars:	78 cars previous week
	131 this week

Night trains:	23 cars previous week
	29 cars this week <sup>1</sup>

#### Sia Rud

7. Rail traffic, including the number of cars, has decreased in the Sia Rud area in comparison with last week. The decrease is most conspicuous in night traffic. Most of the load in this area has been conveyed from west to east. Besides the usual commodities transported in other areas, loads in the Sia Rud area have included black earth, white earth, wire, barrels, iron boxes, and iron.

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8. Following is a list of items transported in the Sia Rud area and a tabulation of cars and night trains:

a. Timber, poles, and lumber:	79 cars west; 2 cars east
Wooden and iron boxes:	8 cars west; 2 cars east
Coal:	21 cars west; 0 cars east
Automobiles and Trucks:	26 cars west; 1 car east
Iron:	4 cars west; 0 cars east
 Tank cars:	 44 cars west; 25 cars east
(2-car decrease from last week)	
 Night trains:	 14 trains west; 9 trains east
(6-car decrease from last week)	
 b. Total loaded cars:	
 Previous week:	 300 cars west; 417 cars east
This week:	161 cars west; 336 cars east
 Daily average:	 102 cars previous week
	71 cars this week
 Tank cars:	 71 cars previous week
	69 cars this week
 Night trains:	 29 trains previous week
	23 trains this week

#### Khuda Afarin

9. This week a considerable increase in rail traffic was observed in this area. There were also more cars per train, although most of the cars were empty. The chief items transported this week were engines, wire, boxes, and iron. No night trains were observed in this area.
10. Following is a tabulation of cars and night trains:

Total loaded cars:	
 Previous week:	 436 cars west; 120 cars east
This week:	672 cars west; 1095 cars east
 Daily average:	 79 cars previous week
	252 cars this week
 Tank cars:	 103 cars previous week
	164 cars this week
 Night trains:	 None previous week
	None this week

#### General

11. The number of tank cars carrying kerosene has increased in all areas except Sia Rud.
12. Night train traffic has increased in the areas of Pol Dasht and Dzhulfa but shows a decrease in the Sia Rud area.

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Activities of Border Units and Garrisons

13. In general, no unusual activities were observed along the Iranian border this week. Military training and exercises were performed in the Dzhulfa area as follows:

At 9:30, on 16 February, 2 companies of soldiers on foot, 15 trucks, 9 x 105 mm short guns, and 3 tanks proceeded from Dzhulfa toward Yaiji (N 38-56, E 45-45) and disappeared into the valley lying north of Yaiji. A comparison of this movement with the maneuver performed on 7 February by a battalion in this same area would indicate that the above-mentioned unit left the border area for the purpose of military maneuvers and returned to the garrison center of Dzhulfa at night.

14. Recently a military band arrived in Soviet Dzhulfa. [redacted] playing military airs both morning and evening.

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Comment. "Trains" probably should be substituted for [redacted]

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